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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: TRAVEL AND
POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS

REF: (A) STATE 200013; (B) MADRID 6155

1. JOINT COMMITTEE SECRETARY BENAVIDES ACTING FOR THE SPANISH
SIDE, HAS REQUESTED U.S. SIDE TO AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR
BOTH TRAVEL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS. IF THIS
IS FORTHCOMING, GRANTEES WHO MUST TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY
WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRAVEL AND
MAINTENANCE AND WOULD BE REIMBURSED LATER, AFTER THE
DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTING
SYSTEM AND TRANSFERS THE FUNDS TO EMBASSY FOR DEPOSIT
IN THE SECRETARIAT S& T PROGRAM ACCOUNT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT'S PRECONDITIONS TO FUND TRANSFER
(REF. A) ARE BEING DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS:
-- LEVEL OF PROGRAMS: SECRETARY BENAVIDES ARGUES THAT
THE TEN PERCENT LEVEL WHICH WE PROPOSED LAST SPRING FOR THE
TOTAL OF GRANTS FOR TRAVEL, POSTDOCTORAL AND DIRECT
RESEARCH WAS OVERTAKEN BY THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION (85 PERCENT,
12.5 PERCENT, 2.5 PERCENT) SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO AT THE MAY
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MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN ALLOCATING FUNDS TO THE DIFFERENT
ACTIVITIES CLASSES IN THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE EVENTUALLY SUBMITTED
TO OUR SIDE.

-- SECRETARIAT PROCEDURES: DEPARTMENT BY NOW
SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY THE PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS AND
ACCOUNTING FORMS FOR POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS AS WELL AS GENERAL
LEDGER PAGES COVERING ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. PROCEDURAL

DOCUMENTS FOR TRAVEL GRANTS ARE BEING POUCHED TODAY AND ARE BASICALLY THE SAME AS THOSE USED IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM.

-- INTEREST: THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE S&T COMMITTEE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE U.S. REQUIREMENT THAT INTEREST EARNED ON JOINT COMMITTEE SPANISH BANK ACCOUNTS BE SENT TO THE U.S. TREASURY. AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WILL PUT THIS ON RECORD. THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF HAS BEEN ADVISED.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THE SPANISH REQUEST AND TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. APPROVAL SHOULD BE IN THE NAME OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATSY MINK AS U.S. COCHAIRPERSON OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. EATON

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